Status of 15-point Programme for Minorities

5272. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Fifteen Point Programme for the welfare of minorities;

(b) whether the programme has been relegated to the background;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, the manner in which it is being implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The Prime Minister's 15-Point Programme for Welfare of Minorities, which was announced in 1983, is in force;

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Central and State/UT Government take necessary action in this regard.

Scheme of restoration of alienated land to SCs and STs

5273. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary Celebrations Committee headed by the Prime Minister recommendation formulation and implementation of schemes for restoration of alienated lands to the SCs and STs and leasing of natural resources licenses to the SCs/STs in the year 1992;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon, alongwith salient features of such scheme adopted/implemented and the results achieved in this regard;

(c) whether the said recommendation is not being implemented with satisfactory results; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.